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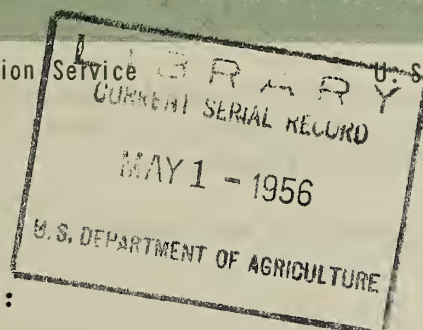
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Dear Coworkers:

GEORGE FOSTER BECOMES STATE LEADER IN TENNESSEE

George Foster, Associate Leader, in the Division of 4-H Club and YMW Programs, has chosen to return to his native Tennessee to become State 4-H Club Leader, effective April 15.

George's outstanding 4-H Club record began in Carroll County, Tennessee, where he was a member for six years. Later, he served as an assistant county agent in a county where more than 2,000 members were enrolled. In 1947-48 he, along with Dorothy Arvidson of Indiana, spent a year in Washington, D. C. as a National 4-H Fellow. From 1948 to '51, he served in Tennessee as Assistant State 4-H Club and Young Farmer and Homemaker Leader. Upon Dr. E. H. Shinn's retirement in March 1951, George came to the Federal Extension Service, giving primary attention to 4-H work in the Southern States but, at the same time giving outstanding leadership to many project areas and special assignments across the country.

No one can express better than George his feelings about the plans ahead. May we quote from his own statement:

"I would like it recorded, if appropriate, that my five years with the Federal Extension Service have been full, pleasant and profitable ones. The experience and training are of incalculable value. The people associated with have been the finest.

"The primary reason for transferring to the position of State 4-H Club Leader in my native State, Tennessee, is because of the special challenge to devote whatever abilities, talents and energies I may possess to my people. In so doing, I feel that I'm still on the same team, but simply playing in a different position."

The staff in the Division of 4-H Club and YMW Programs, even though they regret losing his close association, appreciate that they will still truly be on the same team with George. Unitedly, we wish him "Godspeed" in the assignment he has chosen. The results he has achieved, while in Washington, will long remain a tribute to his efforts.

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REACH NEW HIGH ON ENROLLMENT

The 1955 official enrollment of 2,155,952 members is a new high for 4-H. These members come from 89,580 different Clubs. They include 1,194,497 girls and 961,455 boys.

The increase of 51,165 members over 1954 is quite generally distributed across the country. The Division of Research and Training is still tabulating some of the other significant figures.

Orchids to all of you! Steady growth is an indication of sound programs.

PROGRAM PROJECTION MATERIALS

Program projection materials, prepared by Federal Extension Service workers will soon be sent to State directors and others interested. All State and Assistant State Club leaders will get copies through their State Extension Directors.

These are in the nature of national background facts and trends. They have been developed in some detail, first for use of Federal Extension workers. Distribution is made to State extension workers for possible use in developing materials for county workers and county committees. These materials should be available the first part of May.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK

Reports coming our way indicate unusually strong programs in communities, counties and States.

Your six national 4-H winners did an excellent job of reporting 4-H Club work to the President, their Senators and Congressmen, the USDA, and the Nation generally.

For use next year, we will need outstanding examples of county observances. Would you, once again, locate one of your best counties and send us a report. It will be extremely helpful for next year's planning.

FRIENDS TO BE HONORED

Friends of 4-H Club Work to be honored at National 4-H Club Camp this year will receive a bronze plaque of new design, which will replace the medallion. The list of honorees for 1956 includes: Philip Alampi, Farm and Garden Radio and TV Director, New Jersey; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Bennett, Foundation for American Agriculture; John B. Clark, Coats and Clarke; A. L. Jones, Sears Roebuck Foundation; Irwin B. Johnson, National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work; J. D. Sykes, Ralston Purina Co.; and Roderick Turnbull, Kansas City Weekly Star Farmer.

INFORMATION FOR THE POULTRY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Ollie Gaebe and his committee are moving ahead. Your attention to the attachment will help them in their progress.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB THEME

You will note from the minutes of the Subcommittee meeting at Denver, that the present theme "Improving Family and Community Living" will continue through 1957. However, we need to be getting plans made for the period beyond. Our Division was asked to query the States, through this Ideas letter, to ask your help in developing a theme for the period beginning 1958.

Three tentative suggestions are included on the attachment to this letter.

May we ask that you give your attention to these three, plus others you would like to suggest. We hope you will talk this over with your coworkers, including those in the information field. Public relations friends-of-4-H are also to be invited to give their ideas.

May we please have the attachment returned by May 1, so that we can be ready for the June meeting of the Subcommittee.

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

The 53rd annual convention of this organization was held in Atlanta, Georgia in February. The program theme was "Teamwork in Building Southern Agriculture".

Of particular interest to Southern State 4-H Club Leaders was the action by the Board of Directors of the Association. The establishment of a 4-H Club "Conference" was approved as a part of the organization. After two years' successful operation it can become a section. Tommy Walton of Georgia was appointed as "Conference" chairman for 1957. W. M. Fifield, Provost for Agriculture, University of Florida, is chairman of the Association for this year.

Program items of special interest to 4-H at the recent meeting included:

- Money management for young people
- 4-H Marketing demonstrations
- 4-H and FFA Educational work on cooperative marketing

The Agricultural Editor's section gave a good bit of attention to young people. Miss Emmie Nelson of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work participated on a panel discussion.

CONFERENCE OF INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Federal 4-H office was represented by Tena Bishop at the conference of the Interdepartmental Committee on Children and Youth, held in Princeton, New Jersey recently. Considered were "New Directions in Community Planning for Mentally Retarded Children".

RURAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL

George Foster reports a very successful program this year at the AFEF Rural Youth Leadership Training School at Carbondale, Illinois. He gives Warren Newberry and the Young People's Committee major credit. This was the fourth consecutive year that George has taught a course in public speaking and conference leadership. We welcome such opportunities to render educational assistance to our friends in the farm organizations.

4-H AND SOIL CONSERVATION

Some of our staff shared a very wholesome conference with Mr. Herbert Van Aken of the Youth Committee of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts. His organization is anxious to find ways in which it can give further aid to 4-H Club work in soil conservation.

The conference was of an exploratory nature and additional follow-up is expected.

YOUNG OUTDOOR AMERICANS

Plans are moving ahead for 4-H participation in the Third annual Young Outdoor Americans Conference to be held at Sioux City, Iowa, April 18-20. Fern Shipley will be representing our Division, along with Wendell Tascher of the Division of Agricultural Programs staff. Three State 4-H Club staff members have been invited to serve as adult advisors.

TWO REGIONAL TRACTOR CONFERENCES

Regional Tractor Maintenance Conferences are planned for the East Coast, April 4-6 at the Georgia 4-H Club Center at Rock Eagle, and for the West Coast, May 8-10 at Los Angeles.

State Club Leaders, extension engineers, some extension directors, soil company representatives, and National Committee staff members will attend these meetings.

Purpose of these regional meetings is to evaluate progress in the 4-H tractor program and to exchange ideas for further development. New literature and effective methods in training leaders will also come in for consideration.

REGIONAL CAMP PLANNING COMMITTEE

Director W. A. "Bill" Sutton of Georgia and his committee met March 14 to begin formulation of plans for the Regional Camp to be held August 6-13. Howard University will again be the location. The committee includes Tommy Walton, Georgia; Mrs. Idell Randall, North Carolina; L. A. Toney, West Virginia; Ross W. Newsome, Virginia; Mrs. Ezell N. Hawkins, Maryland; plus Mena Hogan, Tena Bishop, C. A. Sheffield, George Foster, and P. H. Stone of USDA. George Foster serves as Secretary.

FARM FAMILY BUSINESS TRAINING

Progress in farm family business training is being made in many directions. Here are three examples:

1. "Farm Family Business - A Guide for 4-H Club Leaders" has been enthusiastically received, so much so that a reprint is necessary. A request has been approved for an additional 50,000 copies to be available for State distribution.
2. An interesting program sponsored by the Cotton Producers Association in Georgia has come to our attention. It involves a study of all types of business--18 to 20 counties participate annually. Tommy Walton can supply additional details.
3. An excerpt from Director P. O. Davis' weekly letter to Alabama Extension workers, dated March 10, says:

"More and more the Bank for Cooperatives of the Farm Credit Administration becomes the focal point and the key to more and better farmer cooperatives. This was obvious at the annual meeting of the stockholders at Biloxi March 1-2.

"My part at this 3-State gathering was to tell about our cooperative educational work through 4-H Clubs, with emphasis on our essay contest."

Hanchey Logue, Alabama State 4-H Club Leader, has additional details.

PROGRESS IN ENTOMOLOGY WORK

The manuscript has been completed for the 4-H Club Leaders guide in the area of entomology. Work is moving ahead on illustrations and other details. We hope copies will be available by National 4-H Club Camp time.

From the Georgia 1956 Entomology Plan of Work, we note:

"Last year, entomology instruction was requested and given during nearly every week of the camping season at the new Rock Eagle State 4-H Club Center.."

"We plan to develop a 300-hive apiary at the State 4-H Club Center within the next few years. The nucleus of this project has already been obtained through a donation of 90 colonies of bees and enough equipment to house an additional 200 colonies. We feel that an apiary of 300 colonies will furnish sufficient income to enable us to employ a specialist in apiculture and entomology to operate the apiary and to instruct in his specialty at the Center."

A number of other States have developed similar projects of this sort in connection with their 4-H Club Camps. Florida is an example we have heard about recently. We have had reports of local leaders and Extension workers buying copies of the 4-H Insect Manual AI 65. Copies are available free through your publications distribution officer.

RECREATION AND HEALTH CAREER MATERIALS ON THE WAY

Sometime during the next 30 days you should be receiving two sets of materials that may be suggestive of ideas for programs. They are:

1. A sample current issue of "Program Aids", which is a monthly publication of recreation materials from the National Recreation Association. This is a publication that ordinarily comes six times a year, upon subscription.
2. A booklet and posters on "Health Career Horizons", which were developed by the National Health Council and cooperating firms to inform young people about opportunities in health career occupations. Did you know, for instance, that there are 157 health personnel occupations, many of which will be greatly needing recruits during the next 10 years? These careers are briefly described, including educational requirements, in these materials. These same vocational guidance materials, said to be among the best today, have also been sent to all secondary school systems and colleges. They are free.

These materials are being sent to you through arrangements made by Dr. E. J. Niederfrank, our Federal Extension rural sociologist. Additional copies may be obtained directly from the agencies.

HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENT WORTH YOUR STUDY

The 4-H Health awards program flier, recently sent to the States from the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, deserves a second look. The objectives and the suggestions for individual and club activities include the revisions made by the 4-H Health Program Development Committee at its meeting last fall.

AMERICAN HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Tentative plans for the pre-convention to be held in Washington, D. C. on Monday, June 25, include a general program in the morning, with an opportunity for special interest groups to meet, if desired, during the afternoon. We are exploring the possibility of having a session on 4-H Club work. Will someone from your staff be coming? If so, program suggestions will be welcome.

"Our Professional Responsibilities" is the subject for the opening meeting of the Association on Tuesday, June 26. A 4-H Club girl, Anita King of Maryland, will be on the program. Anita will tell how 4-H Club work helped her to become interested in home economics. Now a freshman at the University of Maryland, she is a farm girl and has completed many 4-H projects in home economics. She was a room improvement delegate to Chicago last year.

MARILYN GRAVES AT TEEN-AGE MEETING

Believing that "a picture is worth 1,000 words"--especially for an international meeting, the 4-H staff has prepared for Marilyn Graves a book of pictures of 4-H activities. Marilyn will take this along on her trip to Paris, France for the teen-age conference in April. She will also have appropriate 4-H souvenirs for each of the conference participants. When Marilyn returns, she will be accompanied by one of the French girls, who will be getting a first-hand picture of life in the United States.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB FELLOWSHIPS

Please note that nominations for the six 1956 Fellowships are due by May 1. These fellowships provide a wonderful opportunity for promising 4-H Club workers to spend 10 months in the Federal Extension office, studying government in operation and taking selected courses in our local graduate schools.

May we list again the requirements:

1. An outstanding record as a former 4-H Club member
2. Four years of high standard college work
3. Some experience as an extension worker
4. A continuing interest in extension as a career
5. Age not over 30 on June 1, 1956

We believe this experience is excellent training for those whom you feel are potential candidates for advancement on your staff.

YOUTH PROGRAM HANDBOOK FOR FOREIGN AREAS

Gordon Schlubatis, county agent at Coldwater, Michigan, is to come to Washington in early April to prepare a youth program handbook for use by extension workers in foreign areas. Gordon spent several years in India with ICA. That, coupled with his extension experience, should help prepare him for the assignment.

APPRECIATION BY STAFF OF UNICEF

We understand you have had a recent brochure on the UNICEF Recreation Program. Many fine reports have been received by that organization about the work done by 4-H Clubs.

4-H FASHION FABRIC

The manufacturer of the newest of the two 4-H "fashion" fabrics recently sent you samples. This fabric, featuring a stylized clover, is intended for distribution through local retail outlets.

We will be interested to know if the fabric is meeting acceptance with your 4-H members and leaders and if they are able to purchase it in local stores.

FIVE STATE YMW CONFERENCE

Plans are under way for the annual Five State YMW Conference at Jackson's Mill September 28 to 30. Committees, representing Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia, are arranging a program of talks, workshops, and recreational activities.

DOG PROJECTS IN CLUB WORK

We know of the good 4-H work being done in New Jersey and California in the Seeing-Eye and Guide Dog programs. We believe there are other types of worthy dog projects being carried on by 4-H Club members. Do you have any examples of ongoing programs with dogs in your State? This could include such work as obedience training of dogs. If so, please tell us about them.

Please send any information you may have to Mylo S. Downey.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES AND DATES AHEAD

Woodrow Wilson Centennial

A direct mailing is being made to State Club Leaders regarding the Woodrow Wilson Centennial Celebration. You probably know that the 83rd Congress established a Commission to develop and execute suitable plans for the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of former President Wilson. We have given the Commission the names of State Club Leaders, so they can send information to you directly.

Spring Cleanup Week - 1956

A fact sheet, and an explanatory letter by Jos. P. Flannery, Director of the Division of Management Operations, is enclosed.

Note that additional copies of the fact sheet are not available but that you may reproduce any part of it.

National Radio Week - May 13-19

Some of you have suggested National Radio Week as an opportunity for 4-H Clubs to turn-tables-about and give an expression of thanks to the radio and TV stations who have been so generous in the support of 4-H work. This would have most meaning at the local level where individual Clubs, or counties, might say thanks to those with whom they have had contact. Also, if 4-H Clubs make tours to radio or TV stations, this might be an opportune time to schedule them. Some 3,000 AM radio stations and 500 FM stations are participating in the observance. Some of them are already announcing plans for open-house during the Week.

A 4-H exhibit is being arranged for the Radio-TV Conference in Chicago, part of the same effort. Thanks to Joe Tonkin's good ideas, this should be very attractive.

National Music Week - May 6 - 13

A brochure is being distributed by the National Recreation Association. Theme is "Music Keeps Your Life in Tune."

National Farm Safety Week - July 22 - 28

Plans are well under way. Theme is "Safety Pays All Ways"

American Institute of Cooperation

Dates of July 29 to August 2, and the location of Raleigh, North Carolina are already announced. Theme for the conference is "Cooperatives - Key to Farm Ownership."

National Junior Vegetable Growers

The twenty-second annual convention is planned for Atlanta, Georgia, next December 9-13.

Junior Poultry Fact Finding Conference

Dates are February 15-17, 1957. Osgood Magnuson of Minnesota, chairman of the steering Committee, is already at work. The place is Kansas City.

IDEAS-IN-ACTION - SOME OF THE THINGS BEING DONE IN THE STATES

CALIFORNIA - New Movie

"4-H Trail" is a new 28 minute movie produced in California to help the State tell the 4-H story. It features a galaxy of Club member stars in on-the-spot scenes of typical club activities. The movie is designed to assist with leader training, project motivation, recruitment, and information for the public.

COLORADO - Climax to 4-H Week

Outstanding achievement by Colorado 4-H'ers is recognized, each year, in a special banquet in Denver during 4-H Club Week. The State's achievement winners for the year are featured, appreciation is shown to friends and donors, and goals ahead are emphasized.

HAWAII - Officers' Training Conference

The Territorial 4-H Federation (members) sponsored a training workshop at the University of Hawaii, open to all Club officers, song and recreation leaders, and news reporters. Federation officers spearheaded the training program with the help of Extension staff members and other resource persons from the Honolulu area. Federation officers also gave a demonstration on parliamentary procedures.

IDAHO - Helping Agents Face Up to Leader Training

Dan Warren, ever resourceful about teaching methods, worked up a device for discussion with agents on local leadership development.

Down the lefthand side of a sheet, he listed the items taken from the survey blank for the current phase of the Western 4-H Study (leader training meetings). These enumerate the possible areas in which leaders might need training. Columns in the center of the page enable the agent to check whether each area was included in the previous year's training program, or whether planned for this year--plus when, who and how to accomplish the job. A reference code column relates to materials in the Idaho literature that would give help with the topic.

Dan doesn't just send this out--he uses it for face-to-face conferences with the agents.

ILLINOIS - Leader training and recognition

Some 2,000 leaders attended the series of 22 all-day meetings in February, where the emphasis was on securing parent cooperation and on demonstrations. These were the top topics in a survey a year ago, when the leaders were asked to indicate most difficult jobs. Long-time service of leaders was recognized at the dinner meetings.

INDIANA - Sharing the Rural Youth Tour

Sixty-one Rural Youthers participated in the Texas Rural Youth Tour, which included five States and old Mexico. The staff are suggesting that youth groups, not represented on the tour, invite delegates to report on their experiences.

KANSAS - Another outstanding training event

Program for the April State 4-H Leaders Conference is planned for both general and project leaders. Home economics and agricultural extension specialists are scheduled to assist the State 4-H Club department in conducting the conference. Many 4-H Clubs provide scholarships to the conference for their leaders as a way to recognize the volunteer adult leaders and their contributions.

KENTUCKY - Recognition to Utopia Members

A feature of the State Conference of Utopia (YMW) was the presentation of medals for outstanding leadership, project activities, and service. A young woman and a young man were recognized.

LOUISIANA - Youth Center

A philanthropic project of importance to young people was brought to completion in March. The Harry B. Nelson Memorial, on the Louisiana State University campus, was dedicated to serve as much-needed headquarters and recreation center for many thousands of young people who take part in livestock shows and youth events.

MARYLAND - Citizenship Tour

A tour by 150 older Club members, ages 16 to 21, to shrines in the Nation's Capital, was climaxed by a citizenship ceremony in the Department of Agriculture. Assistant Secretary Ervin L. Peterson presented special scrolls of the Bill of Rights to 36 young people who were reaching voting age. Special gold pins were also presented. The tour is centered in Washington every second year. On alternate years, the setting is the State Capitol at Annapolis and other historic centers.

MARYLAND - Older Member Advisory Group

Sixteen to 21-year olds in the Maryland 4-H program are having a "hand" in setting up the type and content of programs they would like to have. This is made possible by a plan begun when county representatives met in Baltimore in January to form the Maryland 4-H Older Youth Advisory Group. Their meeting was in connection with the 4-H Club Conference.

MASSACHUSETTS - What a Town Committee Can Do

The March issue of the "Worcester County Farmer" shows pictorially and editorially what a town can accomplish through 4-H Club work. The town, in this case, is North Brookfield. Cooperation of parents, leaders, and civic officials in "opening doors for young people" through 4-H is highlighted, as well as some of the many worthy types of accomplishments, by the members. Tie-in with the county council is noted.

NEBRASKA - "Operation Panhandle"

Rural Youth participants in western Nebraska have set out to awaken interest of their communities, counties and the State to the efforts of youth in developing leadership. Through inter-county activities, the young people share together and gain new ideas to put into use in various counties of the Panhandle region.

NEW YORK - Communication within State

"4-Haps", the State-office newsletter, does an excellent job of combining basic 4-H philosophy, summary of current efforts, and announcement of new procedures. For years, we have looked eagerly to the editorials by Al Hoefer and we are pleased to note that the new State Leader, Bill Pease, also has the ability to communicate basic philosophy in interesting, home-spun style.

OREGON - State Tractor Tour

Third Annual tour was scheduled for March, where members and leaders toured manufacturing, assembling and distributing plants. To be eligible for the tour, members must be at least 13 years of age, have completed at least one tractor project, and be currently enrolled in tractor maintenance.

SOUTH CAROLINA - Programs for Older Members

Greenwood County 4-H Council set a goal of sponsoring a series of group discussions on how to make 4-H programs interesting and attractive to older boys and girls. First step was training council officers to conduct the meetings and lead the discussions with Club members participating. Council officers will visit the clubs throughout the county, where this will be a special feature.

UTAH - "Profit Makers Dozen"

Twelve exhibitors at the Intermountain Junior Fat Stock Show will be given recognition for the highest net profit per hundred pounds of grain. Consideration will be given the cost of the original purchase, the feed, and the market price of the animal on the day it is graded. Top twelve will be honored as the "Profit Makers Dozen."

WASHINGTON - 30 X 60

That interesting campaign slogan refers to 30,000 members by 1960. Washington is making a well organized effort to reach that goal, and aim to get there by having 4-H programs that meet the needs of members, directed by well-trained local leaders.

WISCONSIN - Goals

The Wisconsin Extension workers have set a goal of 5 percent increase for each year for the next ten years. A very ambitious goal--but Wisconsin accomplishes ambitious things in 4-H.

One of the current goals, of quite a different nature, concerns the "Memory Songs" for the year, which every loyal 4-H member will learn and sing. For 1956, the songs are: "Ploughing Song," "Field Song," "A Place in the Sun," and "Song of the Open Country."

JUST OFF THE PRESS - TWO NEW BOOKS BY FORMER STATE LEADERS

"My Sixty Years with Rural Youth", by T. A. Erickson - recounts in a warm, personal way the early growth of 4-H work in Minnesota and in the Nation as a whole. During nearly 30 years as State 4-H Club Leader, "Dad" Erickson saw about half a million boys and girls benefit from 4-H work. University of Minnesota Press are the publishers.

"A 4-H Club Leader's Handbook - Principles and Procedures" is by T. T. Martin, retired State 4-H Club Agent in Missouri. T. T. wrote the book primarily for 4-H leaders, anticipating its use in group training conferences and for reference material on current club problems. The National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work are presenting a copy to each State 4-H Club office and each Extension director. Harper and Brothers are publishers of the handbook.

NEW BULLETINS

Enclosed with this letter:

Three fine publications by the Adult Education Association which we thought might be helpful to you in working with youth:

"Understanding How Groups Work"

"How to Use Role Playing"

"How to Teach Adults"

"The Clean Grain Program" - An FES brochure to report on clean grain educational programs now underway across the country. It has many challenging references to 4-H

"Child Labor Vs. Work Experience" (State Leaders only). The latest annual report of the National Child Labor Committee. We believe this might be of interest to you in your work and is worth noting as a type of report as well as for the factual content.

Good Publications Prepared by Various States:

"1955 Annual Statistical Report of 4-H Club Work and Rural Youth in Indiana" - Another well prepared and stimulating report of the programs in Indiana. They do it every year!

"Program Planning" (Missouri-1955). State 4-H Club staff members have put together some basic why's and how's of planning effective 4-H Club programs.

"The Massachusetts 4-H Foundation, Inc." has issued an attractive, envelope-size, brochure explaining how citizen support can help build better leaders of tomorrow through 4-H.

"Youth Leads the Way in 4-H Club Work" (Texas). This 12-page booklet, aimed at gaining new members, scores high both artistically and editorially. It is designed, appropriately, around the idea of Youth Leads the Way through (1) clearer thinking, (2) greater loyalty, (3) larger service, and (4) better living.

"The International Farm Youth Exchange Project in Indiana" - gives facts and personalities of the Indiana program. Fund raising and methods of selecting delegates are well outlined.

"Posture - a 4-H Club Activity" (Missouri). We have just become acquainted with this bulletin, issued in 1955. It is a revision of a popular Missouri circular.

"Marketing Activities" (Missouri) - Gordon B. Nance, Extension Economist, collaborated with John Burkeholder, State Club Agent, in the preparation.

"4-H Marketing" (Oregon). The project, as outlined, is intended for seventh and eighth grade members. The mimeographed outline has interesting suggestions for group activity in the study of agricultural and forest products grown commercially in Benton County. Similar project was previously used and tested in Douglas County.

"1956 4-H Leader's Handbook for Home Economics" (Illinois) - The handbook is intended as a leader's source of current information on projects and activities available to girls and boys interested in home economics 4-H Club work. It is revised yearly. An organization technique is that forms for program planning and records are on white paper, project listings on pink, and activity suggestions on yellow.

"A B C's of 4-H Clothing" (California) - Good illustration, easy to follow directions, and several choices of things to make are included in this bulletin for the beginning clothing girl.

"Toys are Tools" (Idaho) Howard Shepherd of the 4-H staff has written the second in a series of leaflets for child care projects. As the title implies, games stories, and toys are included for helping the Club member in caring for children.

"A 4-H Girl Learns to Care for Home the Easy Way" (Maryland) - Another home management unit of special interest for the older 4-H girl. Work simplification is the subject covered.

"Baking Cakes and Pies", "Let's Make a Skirt and Blouse", "The Peasant Apron" (Nebraska) are all new or revised.

NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS

We were shocked to learn of the sudden passing of E. I. Pilchard, In Charge, 4-H Club Work in Agriculture, in Illinois, on March 26. Mr. Pilchard had suffered earlier a heart condition. He was ill only a half hour on March 26. In his leadership capacity in the State of Illinois as well as on national committees, 4-H livestock programs and in other phases, the contributions made by "Eddie" Pilchard will be a lasting monument to his rich and productive life. He was currently serving as Central States representative on the Extension Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work and on several 4-H development committees.

The family has suggested that any friends wishing to give an expression of sympathy might do so through the 4-H Memorial Fund or through the Heart Association. Mr. Oliver F. Gaebe, Specialist in 4-H Club Work, College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, is chairman of the Illinois 4-H Memorial Fund.

Recent State appointments include:

Montana - Clifford "Brick" Vaughn as Associate 4-H Leader, effective March 16. Brick has been a successful county Extension worker in the same State.

Nebraska- Louie E. Rudman, newly-appointed as Assistant State 4-H Club Leader was a county Extension agent. This vacancy occurred when Duane Lowenstein came to the National 4-H Club Foundation to assist Glenn Dildine in the citizenship project.

New Jersey- Clara Ann Smith is the new Assistant 4-H Extension Leader, following experience as a home agent in Ohio. She is a nine-year 4-H member.

Washington- Ed. A. Reeves Jr. comes to the State office after experience in that State and in Wyoming. His wife was Marjorie Erp, known to many of you as a State 4-H worker in Washington.

John D. Orr changes his location from South Dakota to Nebraska. His new title is Assistant State Leader - 4-H and YMW.

Several staff members have plans for study leave. These include Marie Bishop of Iowa, George Hull of Oklahoma, and Frank Heitland of South Dakota.

Recent resignations include Sybil Jo Smith of the Georgia staff and Benjamin Westrate of Michigan.

J. C. Ralston of Indiana, on a vacation trip to Hawaii, has been exchanging 4-H ideas with John L. Stormont, in charge of the youth program in the Territory. Ralston's first visit to the Islands was in 1925 when he accompanied a shipment of purebred dairy cattle.

Mildred Fizer of West Virginia has made very satisfactory progress following a back operation and will be out of a cast by mid-April. She is at home at 3041 University Avenue in Morgantown.

We were concerned to hear of the automobile accident involving Bob Clough. However, he assures us that he suffered no major disability.

Miss Helen Cowgill is to be honored April 26 as one of the "Oregon Women of the Year" by Theta Sigma Phi, journalism honorary. Previously this same organization honored her as "Corvallis Woman of the Year." The recognition is honor to Miss Cowgill and also to the 4-H program, which she served so devotedly as Assistant State Club Leader in Oregon.

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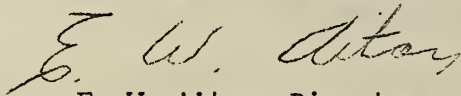
Sometimes it helps to see how the program looks to those who judge it by results they see on the outside. We thought a recent editorial by Wheeler McMillen, Vice President, Farm Journal, addressed to rural adults, gave a particularly stimulating challenge. May we share it:

ALL OF US

"The more I see of 4-H, FFA and Boy Scout work the more deeply one idea impresses me. It is that those who give their time and energy to help inspire and lead the youngsters in these activities are truly doing patriotic service to their country. If you want to help make this a better land than you found it; if you want to do something personally to fight juvenile delinquency or communism, or corruption, or whatever else is bad, find yourself a volunteer job in these young people's organizations. That shouldn't be difficult--just tell your County Agent, Vo-Ag teacher, or minister that you're available. It's hard to change adults, but the youngsters do respond, and their good responses pay dividends for long years ahead."

How is that for a "spring tonic"?

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